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THE LONDON BRIEFER.

When the so-called mysterious Whitechapel murders that are just now agitating London are considered from a practical point of view, there does not appear to be so much mystery about them after all. The most singular feature of the affair is the failure of the police to discover and capture the assassin before seven victims had lost their lives.

There are some remarkably capable detectives, no doubt, in the Scotland Yard force. That has been proved on several occasions. But, as a rule, the London police are greatly inferior to our own force, and the police management, like all other Government business in England, is pretentious, orga- nized and inefficient. The officials are in general Dogberry and the mere partake of the character of Dogberry's watch.

There are three circumstances which ought to have made the detection of the Whitechapel murderer comparatively easy. The crime is localized. The callous nature of the crimes and the horrible mutilation of the victims prove beyond much doubt that the assassin is a lunatic. The skilful, rapid and deadly use of the knife leads to the conviction that he is practised in surgery.

The booby London Coroner who expressed the opinion that the crimes were committed by an American for anatomical purposes gives evidence that he is himself either a lunatic or an ass. Chief Branks points out very clearly what steps, in his opinion, the London police ought to have adopted after the first, or at least after the first two murders, and he says that he does not believe such crimes could have been committed in New York and so long have escaped detection.

It is to be hoped that the London police will soon bring the criminal to light. But this ought to have been done before the sacrifice of so many lives. The victims are all depraved characters, it is true, but they are entitled to protection just as much as if they had lived blameless lives.

A GLORIOUS GENERATION.

There is excitement in the song rooms of the New York Club. The members of that select association are shocked at the rudeness and "raffishness" of Mr. WILLIAM C. BOCKLICK, who last night, it is alleged, sought to force his way into the sacred recesses of the club, of which he is not a member, for the purpose of disturbing the wardrobe and sampling the bangles of some of the nine young men and well-preserved and artistically dyed old bucks of the Club whom he charges with having insulted some of the females of his family. Mr. Bocklick was taken to the police station under a charge of assault and battery, and Dr. NELSON C. CHAPMAN, one of the clubmen, made the charge. Dr. Chapman called Mr. Bocklick a "ruffian," and Mr. Bocklick said to Dr. Chapman: "You are a pack of scoundrels ready to insult women."

The trouble seems to be about window "machining." Some of the members of these clubs, it is said, have not much to do besides sitting at the plate-glass windows, giving the passengers a full view of their relentless charms, and indulging in the belief that they are delighting the women who happen to pass by with their smiles and oglings. If these tailor-made captivators insult respectable females by their monkey tricks, they deserve to be exposed. Only it might have been better for Mr. Bocklick to have caught them outside, and given them a different sort of clothing than that they are accustomed to, instead of endeavouring to force his way into the building.

Of course a large number of the members are not to be even suspected of such conduct. They are gentlemen. But the trouble is that in a fashionable club there is sure to be a mixture of people, and some persons always manage to get in or whose conduct the reputable members have cause to be ashamed.

AN ELEVATED RAILROAD DEBACLE.

Judge Andrews has decided to give the Elevated Railroad companies a commission, for the purpose of acquiring title to the assessments in real estate along the lines of their roads. This is in some respects a

triumph for the corporations. Owners who claim damages from the roads must now submit. If the companies so select, to have their property taken by the railroads at a valuation under the law of eminent domain. This they may not be willing to do.

The fact is settled, however, that owners are entitled to damages for maintenance with their easements in the streets of air, light and access to their places. Under this decision the corporations will be compelled to compensate the owners of adjacent property for the obstructions and annoyances on Eighth Avenue from One Hundred and Fifty-fourth to One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, or to acquire the damaged property.

GENEVE LEARY, the first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary ever sent by Paris to the United States, will receive a hearty welcome from the people. He will be a lion at Washington and his presence will induce the ladies to send again the adventures of Lalia Book and Peacock. It is to be feared, however, that by many Minister Garibaldi will be confounded with Mr. Leary's name in Mr. Hallinan's songs.

There is some similarity between the Tramps and gamblers' encounters so far as the effects of their operations are concerned. Superficially up in retail price, and coal is high and rising just as winter comes on. This is the work of Tramps. Breed it to be one cent a low dealer or the size of the loaf is to be reduced. This is the work of "Old Hatch." Are they both "private affairs?"

Miss DELIA A. BROOKS, a young dress maker of Lynn, Mass., is in trouble. Having made a fame in the heart of a young man, she tried her hand at the same business with her house. Being well insured, she set fire to her dwelling in order to get money for a start in life. She is now in the toils of the Lynn police instead of in the bonds of matrimony.

The Grayling and the Sachem are two of the best yachts to be found in any waters. They are just now trying conclusions as to their respective qualities in a series of three races for a prize of \$10,000. Yesterday the Grayling scored one, the course being a straight twelve miles to windward and return. She will have all she can do to beat the Sachem in the second trial of the season.

President Cleveland has made it clear that he does not like the Chinese, that he never did like them, and that he has made up his mind from the start that they must be kept out of the United States either by treaty or law. As the Chinese Government does not like the treaty he proposed, he has signed the Exclusion Law, and the Pacific States will rejoice.

Sept. MURRAY yesterday cut off the buttons from the coat of a worthless policeman who had got onto the force through false affidavit, and sent him forth from Headquarters in disgrace. The Superintendent does his best to weed the force of bad men.

OUR AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION.

Remember Allure
WORLDINGS.

Maggie Mitchell, the actress, is said to have purchased 300 bushels of wheat from W. P. Hauseman in Chicago last Thursday, paying \$600 cash-and-balance for it.

There are 1,000 Americans in Honduras engaged in mining. There was about \$1,000,000 of gold and silver taken out last year, chiefly from one mine, and the year the product will reach nearly \$1,000,000.

Congressman William Walter Phelps, of New Jersey, has a fortune of \$10,000,000, which is invested about equally in real estate and railroad stocks and bonds. He is a large holder of Wabash road stock.

The robust man in the National House of Representatives is Congressman W. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania. His fortune is said to reach \$50,000,000, the bulk of which was made from mines and railroads. Mr. Scott is also noted for being one of the most dressed men in Congress.

Mrs. A. J. Deven, one of the queens of Philadelphia society, has besides her own house a villa at Long Branch and a beautiful country place in Delaware County. A troupe of servants are at her call and she has a variety of fashionable carriages and many fine horses. She also has a formal residence summer. Mrs. Deven spends \$10,000 a year in maintaining.

A Notable East Side Wall.

The spacious Harmonie House were crowded to their utmost capacity Saturday night, the occasion being the annual ball of the Edward H. Flea Association. The members assembled to the number of 800 and the ball was opened by Mr. Peter Brumley.

Edward H. Flea, in whose honor the society is named, was present. The officers of the association are George F. Flea, President; William W. Miller, Vice-President; William Lamb, Recording Secretary; Harry Miller, Treasurer; James Marchant.

St. Bernard's Church Fair.

A fair for the benefit of St. Bernard's Church opened at Calaisians Hall, Horatio street, near Eighth avenue, last night and will continue two weeks. There were many attractions for the opening and more are promised for succeeding nights.

Spectators in Gotham.

F. G. Macomber, of Boston, and F. B. C. Jardine, of Hartford, are at the Albemarle.

G. Lippman, of Boston, West-End, J. G. Eaton, Mayor of Boston, and J. A. Jackson, U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries, are at the Grand Hotel.

J. Campbell of Cincinnati; E. B. Roberts, of Boston; Harvey Hadden, of England, and W. F. Moore, of Paris, are at the Brunswick.

At the Gilsey House are Howard Andrew, of New York; W. J. Emerson of Rochester; C. W. Johnson, of Elmira, and H. E. James, of Washington.

Among the Stewart House guests are Thomas Hart, of Baltimore; H. Hall, of Chicago; J. P. McLaughlin, and H. C. McHugh, Jr., of Louisville.

At the Hoffman House are Thomas N. Page, of Richmond, Va.; Thomas Cora Jackson, of George Washington; W. H. Newell, of Milwaukee, and Dr. J. A. Atwood, of Key Port, N. J., are at the Barbizon.

Accommodated at the St. James are J. G. Rosenthal, of Baltimore; J. G. Newell, of Minneapolis; J. W. Morris, of Boston, and E. H. Wherry, of New Orleans.

Accommodated at the St. James are W. A. Courtney, of Charleston; C. C. W. Holt, of Portland, Me.; J. W. Weare, of Pittsburg, and C. A. Barker, of Boston.

Prominent at the Astor House are W. E. Scott, of Wheeling, W. Va.; L. B. Andrews, of New Orleans, and A. A. Harrington, of Providence, R. I.

THE LUMPER.

He Is Another Variety of the Tyrant Sweater.

House Carpenters Are the Victims of This One.

He Underrids Fair Houses and Underpays Unexpecting Workmen.

The owner does not confine his pecuniary system now to the manufacture of clothing and shoes and wearing apparel generally, but he has even stretched it into the building trades and made his influence for evil fail.

In introducing his system into the carpentry trade the sweater got a new name, but he did not and could not lose his identity as the same old leech whose business it is to sap the life-blood out of so many thousands of poor working people.

The Envoy World has shown the sad effects of the sweater's methods on the poor working girls and women, and now it takes up the sweater who is known in the building trades as a "lumper."

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